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I, Pansy May Yarrington Gardner was born 24 May 1894 in Ottawa, Franklin Co. Kansas . My parents, Robert Tier Yarrington and Idella Faith Yarrington , my two brothers Vernon Robert Yarrington and Jesse Alfred Yarrington and myself left Kansas in 1909 to make our new home in Ogden, Utah. It was here that I met and married (civil marriage) Serenus H (Rea) Gardner 3 May 1916. a returned Missionary from the Eastern States Mission four years before. In March 1920, we moved from Ogden to Santa Ana, Orange Co. California with our two sons, Don Gerard Gardner and Hal Gardner.

I was baptised 22 Jan. 1922 a member of the Santa Ana Branch . 7Nov. 1933 my husband and I went to Mesa, Arizona, I recieved my endowments, we were sealed and our six sons and one daughter, Don Gerard, Hal, Jack Harding, Vere, Allen, Colin and Faith Audeen were sealed to us.

I had been interested in genealogy for several years, but when I recieved my Patriarchal Blessing in 1928 telling me that my Mothers people were waiting for me to be their Savior, I started searching. I am the only member of my family on my fathers or mothers side that is (even now) a member of the L.D.S. I had no Church records to go to ,so I had to get my parents consent to help.

My Mother told me :- She and her sister Alice were raised by strangers, they always were told their parents were dead. This family of Baker lived in Menard Co. Ill. and were frugal German people and worked my mother hard for her board and what little schooling she could get after her numerous tasks were finished, so she left them when eighteen to go to Kansas to relatives. She remembered her Father say he was born in Indiana, He enlisted twice in the Civil War, the last time recieving bogus (Southern) money as pay, (his name) James B. Faith and Louisa Jane Wilson (his wife, mothers mother) had lived in Petersburg, Ill.

My Father told me:- That his Parents, Alexander Clayton Yarrington and wife Rhoda Maria Waldron came from New York City (to Ogden, Utah) where both their families had lived for generations. Alex.C.Y died 1919, Grandma living age 98. (Grandpa)

Our Genealogy class made several trips to Los Angeles to search for our ancestors before I found anything. The Librarian recalled that the Amos Richardson Family intermarried with a Yarrington. And when I held the book with so many Yarrington families I looked for some name that belonged to me, but found none. So the Librarian advised me to copy them all , and I did very carefully, each family on a separate family groupe sheet with all connections.

I had been corresponding with my Uncle Benj.W. Yarrington and his wife Mary, so I asked them to find Grandpa Yarrington 's people while they were in N.Y. They promised, but I never heard from them for several years.

So I heard that a niece of Grandpa was corresponding with Grandma and I got her address and made the same request for Yarrington records. In answer I recieved a copy of the Yarringtons- Richardson families the same I had copied in Los Angeles.

Then Aunt Mary died in N.Y. and Uncle Ben came to Utah , but he had found among his wife's papers a Letter addressed to me ! In this letter (poorly written because of failing eyesight at last) was a copy of the same Yarrington-Richardson records I had copied in L.A. with this addition- Your Grandfather- written in among his brothers and sisters . There I had them but dident know it. And if I hadnot such a clear copy I could not have been sure of her writing but enough for me to know they were the same . Only Grandpa had moved West before the Richardson record was made, and he had been left out. This record of five generations went back to my emigrant ancestors Peter Yarrington from Wales died 1735, Stonington, Conn. Other allied Families are - Dayton - Cleveland-- Thier or Tier, -Hyde-- and the Emmigrant Ancestress Abiel Woodward- who came from Amsterdam, Holland. ancestress Abiel

15 June 1935 we moved our family to Gridley, Butte Co. Calif. away from any research Library or a groupe that was doing any G[illegible]y ! [illegible]

The Gridley Stake had just been organized when we arrived and the Genealogist leader had no aids nor were there any classes in the Stake ! I was anxious to continue with the class work I had started, having recieved my certificate from Salt Lake City showing I had finished the First Year's Lessons successfully. Merlin Steed and his good wife had been my instructors and their knowledge of research helped me to carry on the work through correspondance.

I wrote to the War Department ,The Adjutant General's Office, asking for my Grandfather James B.Faith's Civil War record, giving Indiana as the State from which he enlisted, none, Tried again and said Illinois and recieved this reply--"The records of this office show that one James B. Faith was enrolled and was mustered into service Feb. 4,1865, at Springfield, Ill. for the period of one year, as a private of (New) Company C, 28th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was mustered out and honorably discharged the service Feb. 4. 1866, at Brownsville, Texas, as a private. The records show that he was born in the State of Indiana; was 21 years of age at date of enlistment; and that his residence at enlistment was Indian Creek, Menard County, Illinois. " This was all the data they had, however if any pension had been granted for his military service, I was advised to write the "Director of Pensions, Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C. for further data.

And I did i. recieving this reply----" Information on record in this office discloses the following military records of James B.Faith ; Enlisted July 11, 1862, in Captain Weaver's 71st Illinois Infantry, which became Company "G" 71st Illinois Infantry, discharged Oct. 29, 1862 ; enlisted Feb.4 , 1865, Company "C" 28th Illinois Infantry, discharged Feb. 4. 1866.

" The veterans first wife, died Sept. 14, 1884. An affidavit of Silas B. Louisa Wilson, invalid for many years,

Faith, brother of the veteran, address Petersburg, Illinois, discloses that there were two daughters, Ida and Alice, born as a result of this marriage. Alice lived in Macon County, Illinois: Ida moved to the West.

"On Oct. 15, 1884, the veteran married Mrs.Mary J. Rogers of Seneca, Newton County, Missouri, at Neosha, Missouri. One daughter was born of this marriage, namely Eva Lee- date of birth Aug. 29, 1885. The veteran died as the result of a railway accident in Kansas City, Missouri, Feb 19, 1888."

Respectfully E.W.Morgan, Director, Widows and Dependants Claims Service. 2"

I wrote to the clerk at Seneca, Missouri enquiring about Mrs. James B. Faith and recieved this reply--- I met Mrs. Faith on the street and gave her your letter but as she is old she would have her daughter, Eva Lee, write me. I now have a step-grandmother and an Aunt ,as I believe both are still living today.

In my correspondance with Aunt Eva I asked her what the "B" represented her fathers name. Answer-- He always told my mother he was named for his mother's brother General Pierre Beauregard the famous Southern general. So I hunted up a biography of the General and it gave his record and his Beauregard-Toutant ancestors back to French, English, and Italian Reality, or enough that I made the connections, later, with further search along these allied families.

Aunt Eva wrote,mother and father both wrote my mother at Bakers andsent money never recievedany reply mother never recieved a letter.

I wrote the County Clerk at Petersburg, Ill, for information of my Grandparents James B. Faith and Louisa Jane Wilson, his wife giving the date 4 Feb. 1865 date of residence at that place.

ANSWER:-- It so happens that my grandfather J.H. Pillsbury, County Judge at the time, was the Judge that married them, and I have his records showing the marriage 5th Sept. 1864.

My next task was to locate the mother of James Beauregard Faith, sister of the General, since her name was not mentioned in any Beauregard that I had seen.

A genealogist, Mrs Orena V.Grant knew my problem, was making a trip to New Orleans, Louisana to settle her estate there and would go to the record ST.Bernard Church

Louisana, birthplace of the General, Finally after sending her $10 as fee to the Priest at St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans, she was permitted to sit beside the Priest while he searched the records with no result . But Mrs. Grant persisted. she contacted the Beauregard family records at their homeswith no result, no such person. Finally an old Priest remembered the story . She, my great grandmother, was the oldest child of the family, and was named Judith Heleine Toutant,the same as her mother, but she displeased her parents so much when she married out of the Catholic Faith, James Robert Faith, that her name was stricken from all church and family records and the family forbidden to speak her name again.!

Before I recieved this last bit of important information I had been very fortunate to contact Mrs Grant's records and had my records on allied families of Toutant- Beauregard traced many generations back without having this link. She also sent pictures of Cemetary Headstones with inscriptions.

(We now have 7 sons, 3 dau)

The following lines;-by Robert Gardner , my husband's brother

SERENA

(A Norway tale about my grandmother.)

The lights of home shone vaguely through the storm,
The dory rose and fell upon the foam,
Warm power in his pull kept Evan warm,
Soon he would feel the fireside of home.

The storm in fury broke a lee-side oar,
A capper filled the bottom of the boat,
Quite helplessly he drifted from the shore,
His dipping failed to keep the craft afloat.

Serena kept the lanterns on the beams,
She knew no storm would keep her man away,
She lullabyed the youngsters into dreams,
And kept his supper warm 'till break of day.

She walked the beach for days; no Evan came,
Her hopefull waiting turned to grim dispair,
Sweet home could never ever be the same,
Without her man no happiness lived there.

When Autumn came the seagull cried goodbye,
The Norway pines grew black behind the town,
Wild flocks of geese wedged southward in the sky,
And it was early when the sun went down.

Serena sold her cottage , cows and all,
She packed an iron trunk with home-cured fish
Her clothes were bundled in a plaided shawl
Goodby was said against her parents wish.

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Green seas and white sails in the breeze,
The rugged coast of Bergen growing dim,
With three small children clinging to her knees,
She wept her last about the past and him.

The past is but a shadow to the mind!
'Tis best to face the future with a smile,
And leave the gloomy accidents behind,
Then make existence really worth the while.

One child died while at sea

(She married Archibald Gardner
they were the parents of four children
Henry, Ann, and the boy and girl twins
Serenus and Serena. Serenus my father-in-law.

Pansy May Yarrington Gardner.